# Present Simple (1)

## Form



**Afirmative**

I walk
You walk
He walk**s**
She walk**s**
It walk**s**
We walk
You walk
They walk

**Negative**

I **don't** walk
You **don't** walk
He **doesn't** walk
She **doesn't** walk
It **doesn't** walk
We **don't** walk
You **don't** walk
They **don't** walk

**Interrogative**

**Do** I walk?
**Do** you walk?
**Does** he walk?
**Does** she walk?
**Does** it walk?
**Do** we walk?
**Do** you walk?
**Do** they walk?

**Short answers**

| Affirmative | Negative |
|---|---|
| Yes, I / you / we / they **do** | No, I / you / we / they **don't** |
| Yes, he / she / it **does** | No, he / she / it **doesn't** |

**Third person singular**

We add **-s** to the verb to form the third person singular (**he, she, it**).

I drink – he drink**s**
I run – he run**s**

**BUT**

- We add **-es** to verbs that end in **-ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o**.
  I watch – he watch**es**
- With verbs ending in **consonant + y**, we change the **-y** to **-ies**.
  I cry – he cr**ies**
  **But** with verbs ending in **vowel + y**, we just add **-s** as usual.
  I play – he play**s**

## Use

We use the **Present Simple**:

- for **habits** and actions that we do regularly:
  He **visits** his friends every Sunday.
  She **goes** to school by bus.
- for **general truths**:
  The sun **rises** in the East.
- for **permanent situations**:
  He **lives** in Athens.

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**Expressions** used with the Present Simple

**Frequency adverbs:** always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never
(they are placed before the main verb)

**Time expressions:** every day / week / Friday...
on Mondays / Sundays...
at the weekend...
in the morning / afternoon...
in winter / spring...
once a day / week...

A. Write the third person singular of the following verbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| play | _____ | go | _____ |
| wash | _____ | teach | _____ |
| drive | _____ | carry | _____ |
| fly | _____ | start | _____ |
| help | _____ | kiss | _____ |
| watch | _____ | tidy | _____ |
| like | _____ | enjoy | _____ |
| cry | _____ | mix | _____ |



B. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Peter and his friends _____ to school by bus. (go)
2. Elephants _____ leaves and grass. (eat)
3. David's father _____ in a hospital. (work)
4. The bank opens at 9.30 and _____ at 4.30. (close)
5. Tom and Jim _____ football every day after school. (play)
6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He _____ History. (teach)
7. Our lessons _____ at 9.00 and _____ at 3.30. (start / finish)
8. My pen friend _____ in Japan. (live)
9. Mary and her brother _____ cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)
10. John _____ his room every day. (tidy)

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C. Complete the blanks with the Present Simple of the verbs in the box.

| go | ~~work~~ | ride | deliver | love | jog | rest | fish | walk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Mr Letty is a postman. He doesn't work in the post office. He always ***works*** outside in the streets. He _____ letters to all the people in the neighbourhood every day. He doesn't _____ but he _____ his motorbike. At the weekend, Mr Letty doesn't work. He _____. He _____ the countryside, so he always _____ to his country house with his wife. Mr and Mrs Letty _____ in the river and they _____ in the woods every weekend.



D. Look at the pictures and write questions and answers, as in the example.

1. play / the guitar / in the afternoon

   ***Does he play the guitar in the aftenoon?***

   ***No he doesn't play the guitar in the afternoon.***

   ***He plays the accordion.***



2. walk / after lunch

   _____

   _____

   _____



3. ride / their / bicycles / to work / every day

   _____

   _____

   _____



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4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday




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_____

_____

5. clean / the house / on Mondays



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_____

6. watch / TV / after school



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_____

E. Complete the blanks with the **negative** or the **interrogative** form of the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.




**Mark**: Hi, Tess! What are you doing?

**Tess**: I'm watching the football team.

**Mark**: ***Do*** you ***watch*** (watch) them every day?

**Tess**: No, I don't. They _____ (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

**Mark**: _____ you _____ (have) a favourite player?

**Tess**: No, I _____ (not have) a favourite player. Everyone on the team is good.

**Mark**: _____ the attacker _____ (move) fast?

**Tess**: No, he _____ (not move) fast, but he's very clever. _____ you _____ (like) football, Mark?

**Mark**: No, I _____ (not like) it. I like basketball. It's a great sport.

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